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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

None.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-3, 7-15, 17, 20, and 21 have been canceled.

Claims 18, 19, and 22 have each been written in independent form to include all the limitations of the independent claim and any intervening claims from which they depend. No other limitations were added to the rewritten claims.

THE ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS 4-6 AND 16

The Examiner's allowance of claims 4-6 and 16 in the Official Action dated May 18, 2006 has been noted with appreciation.

THE OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 18, 19 AND 22 IS OVERCOME

Independent claims 18, 19, and 22 have each been rewritten in independent format. In view of the Examiner's indication in the Official Action item 12 that claims 18, 19, and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the allowance of claims 18, 19, and 22, each rewritten in independent form, is respectfully requested.

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It is believed that all of the claims in the application, as amended, are now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

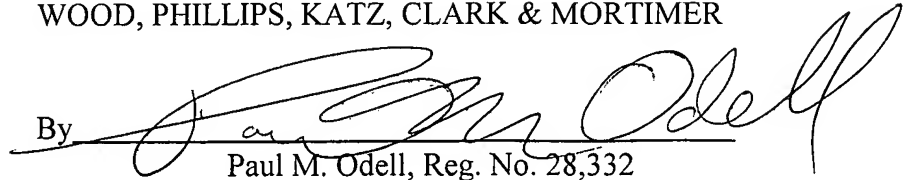
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Further, it is believed that this entire application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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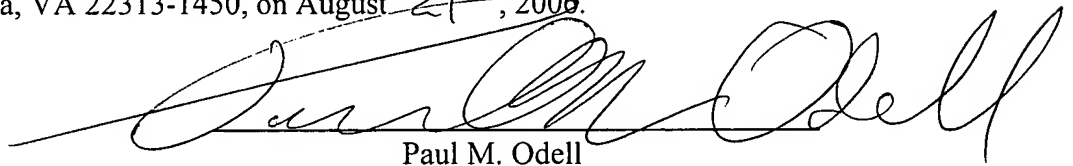


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